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SO...

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Idiot Diamond

...Wait, what am I doing?

WHAT THE HECK ARE THEY DOING?

THE THIRD BELL'S GONNA RING SOON.

Once again.

JUST WHO IS THIS "KURO-GUMI" SUPPOSED TO BE?

...I WON'T DRAW.

You know,

IF OUR SWORDS DON'T MEET, THE UMPIRES'LL NEVER KNOW WE'RE OUT HERE.

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WHY DON'T YOU DRAW?

HOW ABOUT IT, KANAI?

That's why...

YOU DON'T NEED TO HOLD BACK.

I'LL ACCEPT MY PUNISHMENT QUIETLY.

grip

IF YOU'RE GONNA HIT ME, I'LL JUST PROTECT MY VITALS SPOTS AND NOTHING MORE.

HUH!?

NICE!? JUST WHERE DO YOU SEE ANYBODY BEING *NICE* HERE...?

BUT YOU ARE...

YET STILL EVERYONE'S BEIN' SO NICE...

IT WAS ALL JUST MY SELFISH-NESS, FROM THE BEGINNING,

YOU'RE BEIN' CONSI-DERATE OF MY POINT TOTAL.

SO YOU COULD GET MY STAR EASY IF YOU WENT AFTER IT. BUT YOU'RE NOT DOIN' THAT.

KITAGAWA-SAN AND IWASAWA-SAN, YOU TWO ARE SHINYUUS,

fellow Kuro-gumi and all.

We are

Right?

But I mean...

UUGH...

Iwasawa

Kitagawa

I-...

BLUSH

DO AS YOU WISH WITH ME.

PLEASE GO AHEAD.

I'LL GET IT ALL OUT WITH ONE CLEAN SHOT, AND WE CAN END THIS HERE!

OUTTA THE WAY!

BAM!

KI YO KA!

IF THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DOIN', THEN JUST ME SHOULD BE FINE!!

HUH...

THWAK

GRIT YER TEETH,

KANAI !!!

!!!!!!!

AREN'T YOU PEOPLE GETTING SOMETHING BACKWARDS HERE?

I'M PRETTY NEW TO THESE PARTS MYSELF, BUT...

gasp

Shoot! I jumped out without thinking!

NAA-SAN !?

NA-

WANTED TO JOIN UP WITH THIS LITTLE KID HERE?

HUH?

KANAI, YOU...

OH...

I SEE. SO THAT'S HOW IT WAS...?

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AH HAH...

Are you stupid!? U

DON'T GIVE ME THAT! WHAT ARE YOU GETTING ALL SHY ABOUT!?

AH, CRUD... AM I STUCK IN THE QUAGMIRE HERE!?

U U

HOLD UP. DON'T JUST MOVE THE CONVERSATION AHEAD ON YOUR OWN.

NO NO...

TALKIN' ABOUT YOUR "MABUI" AND WHATNOT, GIVIN' ALL KINDSA WEIRD EXCUSES...

IF THAT WAS IT, YOU SHOULDA JUST SAID SO FROM THE BEGINNIN'...

ALSO, YOU JUST CALLED ME A LITTLE KID, DIDN'T YOU?

I'M 2ND-YEAR, 2ND-YEAR. YOUR SENIOR.

YOU, TOO! SAY SOMETHING! THEY'RE GETTING THE WRONG IDEA HERE!

GO-----NG...

MY!

TO THINK THAT WAS ONLY THE THIRD BELL JUST NOW...

Well now!

GOES TO SHOW YOU HOW QUICKLY THE TWO OF US LOST.

WE'VE STILL GOT QUITE A WAY TO GO.

UM...

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YES, THAT'S ALL WELL AND GOOD, BUT...

U U

kyah...

WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING IN THE A AREA...?

THAT'S RIGHT! I WONDER, JUST WHAT WERE WE DOING HERE...?

HIGH SCHOOL 1ST YEARS, YANO YOUKO-SAN AND ONJOU LENNON-SAN...

BOTH RANK D.

What's up?

AND THEY DIDN'T HAVE THEIR RANK BADGES...

WE'LL NEED TO LOOK INTO THIS LATER...

We'll have to let Leader know about it too.

WAS THERE A MISTAKE IN UPDATING THE ZONE REGISTRIES FOR THE NEW SYSTEM?

Mmmm...

IN THE FIRST PLACE, WHY WEREN'T THEY STOPPED AT THE GATE...

THAT'S RIGHT.

HUH, YOUKO-SAN!

WE'RE NOT SURE HOW IT COULD'VE HAPPENED EITHER...

I DIDN'T NOTICE THAT THE GATE WE CAME THROUGH SAID 'A' ANYWHERE.

WE'LL WAIT FOR THE NEXT BELL.

WE UNDER-STAND. IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

WE'LL HAVE TO DECLARE THE RESULTS OF THE MATCH INVALID, AND RETURN ALL POINT TOTALS TO THEIR PREVIOUS VALUES.

FOR NOW

Sorry about all this.

THEY DIDN'T SEEM LIKE THEY JUST WANDERED IN HERE ACCIDENTALLY.

I JUST WON-DER.

ERRORS IN THE SYSTEM AND SO FORTH...

I SUPPOSE YOU'LL GET THIS SORT OF THING, TOO.

I DID THINK IT WAS AWFULLY STRANGE, BUT...

...

Make sure to wear your rank badges in the future. That may have been the reason for the mistaken authen-tication.

Yes! We'll be careful!

...YET SOMEHOW, I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL THEY DID EXACTLY THAT.

YES, NO WAY.

NO WAY.

YOU THINK THOSE TWO PURPOSELY BROKE IN HERE...?

You mean...

tap

THAT'S ONE LESS THING TO WORRY ABOUT.

YES,

rustle

rustle

EVEN THE REFEREES NOTICED NOTHING.

AS EXPECTED OF YOU, LENNON-SAN.

rustle

BUT WE'LL NEED TO CHECK AFTERWARDS ONE LAST TIME TO MAKE SURE NO TRACES ARE LEFT OVER.

ALL WE DID WAS MAKE SOME SLIGHT ALTERATIONS TO OUR RANK DATA,

THIS WAS THE PROPER PLACE FOR US TO CAUSE HAVOC.

EXACTLY AS SENSEI SAID.

BY GETTING A LOOK AT OUR ELDER SISTERS IN THE TOP RANKS, WE HAVE A GOOD IDEA WHAT WE'RE DEALING WITH HERE.

I LOOK FORWARD TO MOVING FROM THE BOTTOM TO THE TOP.

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HUH?

"KURO-GUMI."

THOUGH I SAY THAT, THIS WAS ABOUT AS MUCH AS I CAN HANDLE...

DO YOU SUPPOSE THIS WAS ENOUGH, YOUKO-SAN?

MORE THAN SUFFICIENT, I'M SURE. WE'RE ALL INDEBTED TO YOU.

WE WON'T NEED TO DO SOME-THING LIKE THIS AGAIN.

THAT PIQUED MY CURIOSITY A BIT.

BUT...

"KURO-GUMI." IT'S SOME-THING THEY'RE A PART OF.

THAT GIRL SAID,

KURO-GUMI?

MMM-?

TRYING TO GIVE YOURSELF A COOL NAME, THEN LOSING... GOTTA BE THE HEIGHT OF STUPIDITY.

grab

THOUGH, WE TOOK THEIR STAR BEFORE THEY FINISHED SAYING IT.

Yep.

I BELIEVE THAT'S WHAT THEY CALLED THEMSELVES. THOSE GIRLS WE JUST FOUGHT.

Huh??

THE "KURO-GUMI" DID?

SO IT PIQUED MY CURIOSITY A LITTLE.

I WOULDN'T SAY SO. FOR D-RANKED NEWCOMERS, THEY PUT UP QUITE A FIGHT.

THAT'S CLOSE TO SLANDER !!!

YOU DON'T THINK!?

-UNIFORM-ED AKIRA FAN BRIGADE"!?

"BLACK ....

"BLACK BRI-GADE..." HMM...

Let's see...

IT'S THE FIRST I'VE EVER HEARD OF ANY "KURO-GUMI."

IT MUST BE SOMETHING AMONG THE NEW STUDENTS.

WELL, BE ALL THAT AS IT MAY, RIGHT NOW...

YOU WEREN'T REALLY TRYING TO FIGURE IT OUT IN THE FIRST PLACE...

Ha ha...

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT. THERE'S NO WAY.

TWE!

New-comers are no sweat.

DAA

YOU COULD SAY ABOUT ANY OF 'EM.

ALL THE PEOPLE IMMERSED IN THE SWORD HERE AT TENCHI.

Don't cry over something like this!

A lower-ranker came over and beat me...

UH

SCORES TO SETTLE, FIGHTS TO PICK...

EVERYBODY HERE'S GOT HER HANDS FULL WITH SOMETHING.

Well, we're slacking off right now

Yeah... Just staying a Whiteshirt forever is a real bore...

JWAANG

BWANG

Right?

Hey, Nancy, listen, c'mon! Hey...!

JAN

JANG

This phrase here is pretty hyped-up, huh Nancy!?

I'VE NEVER PAID ATTENTION TO ANY-BODY BUT THE VERY TOP.

RIGHT NOW,

WE CAN'T BE FOCUSING OUR ATTEN-TION ON ANYTHING BUT WHAT'S RIGHT BEFORE OUR EYES.

Ah, no interest at all?

OF COURSE.

LIKE I GIVE A DAMN ABOUT YOUR KURO-WHATEVER.

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I CAN FORGET ABOUT EVER GETTING BACK THERE... BACK TO THE PLACE WHERE I WANT TO BE FIGHTING AGAIN.

IF I'M GONNA LET MYSELF GET CAUGHT UP ON SOME NEWBIES,

IF THEY'RE LOOKING TO GET IN THE WAY, I HOPE THEY CAME PREPARED.

FIGHTING AGAINST THAT ONE OPPONENT YOU REALLY WANT TO BEAT...

...ISN'T SUCH A SIMPLE THING HERE.

NO... THAT'S ENOUGH FOR ONE DAY, RIGHT?

WE'VE ALREADY WON THREE DUELS...

People have started fleeing from us...

HOW ABOUT WE SNEAK ONE MORE BATTLE IN BEFORE THE LAST BELL?

SO IN THE NAME OF GETTING YOU TO THAT PERSON YOU WANT TO BEAT FASTER,

YEP, YEP!

TWACK

UOGH !!!

MUSASHI'S TWO-SWORD THING... REALLY DOESN'T GIVE YOU MUCH ROOM TO BREATHE!

NR GH ...

HRHRHR

BUT, EVEN SO...

SOMETHING'S HOLDING HER BACK A LITTLE.

ALMOST LIKE SHE'S BEING CONTROLLED IN WII SPORTS OR SOMETHING.

IT'S BEING LIMITED BY INUKKO'S OWN PHYSICAL ABILITY?

IS THIS IT...?

SHE'S CERTAINLY STRONG... I'M TOTALLY HELPLESS HERE.

BUT...

...THAT MUSASHI-ISH PERSON HERE AT TENCHI SEEMS LIKE SHE'D BE SEVERAL STEPS ABOVE THIS.

I'VE NEVER FOUGHT AGAINST HER MYSELF, BUT...

IF I KNOW THAT MUCH, I AT LEAST HAVE SOME IDEA HOW I SHOULD APPROACH THIS...

HA—AH...

UM... WHAT WAS IT AGAIN... ER...

It's "Miyamoto".

Ah...

IN

OUT

WH-

YOU'VE GOT A REGULAR CHAT-ROOM GOING ON IN THERE!!!

ANO-THER NEW ONE!?

WOOO

Miyamoto Musashi-san has exited the premises...

Tsukahara Bokuden-san has now come in.

OURG HHHH HH!!!

SPIT SPIT SPIT

fwoooo

BEAN

Ogami Ittou-san.

Itou Ittou-sai-san.

Murame Kurando-nosuke-san.

Still more to come.

...AND HOLD ON, ONE OF THOSE WAS *NOT* LIKE THE OTHERS!!!

EVEN IF THE HARDWARE ISN'T MUCH, WHEN THE SOFTWARE KEEPS CHANGING LIKE THIS...

GUH...

Hah-

Heh heh Heh

...and plenty more!!

NAY, NAY! NOT FOR THE MOMENT!

WE ARE JUST REACHING THE CLIMAX!

I wanna try out these color-changing jerseys.

OYYYY! MAKO-CHAN!

THIS ALL RIGHT? WE'RE NOT TAKIN' ANY STARS TODAY?

THERE'S NO DENYING YOU SPEAK TRUTH.

BUT OF COURSE !!

ISN'T IT MORE FUN TO FIGHT YOURSELF THAN WATCH OTHER PEOPLE DO IT?

WELL, IT'S FINE BY ME, BUT...

Ogami Ittou-dono is Suiou style.

Right right, got it.

TROTTING OUT THE STANCES OF SO WIDE A VARIETY OF STYLES...

JUST WHO *IS* THAT STUDENT OVER THERE??

BEFORE I AM A SWORDS-WOMAN, I AM AN OTAKU!!!!

HOWEVER... TO THINK I COULD WITNESS BEFORE MY VERY EYES SUCH A MARVELOUS EXHIBITION OF FIGHTING STYLES...!

HERE

WA HA HA HA HA!! WHAT IS WITH YOU!

OOGH !!

EVEN INCORPORATING "LONE WOLF AND CUB"... NOTHING TO BE TRIFLED WITH INDEED!

No... hold on... is that really a "style"? u

WHAT, ANOTHER ONE!? WHO IS IT THIS TIME!?

!

Enough of this, really!

Please keep lending me your power, everyone!

pant

All right...

Somehow or other,

pant

I've made it this far...

pant

Tougou Chuui...

now coming forward.

For just one more push!

OOOHH!!

DRAGON -FLY STANCE!

WHICH IS TO SAY, THIS MUST BE...

!.....

I'M HERE

TO SUPPORT YOU, SO...

THE JIGEN SWORD STYLE...!

KHHI IIIIII IIIIII EEE E!!!

...MOMO-KA-SAN!

LET'S WIN,

THIS IS THE SCARIEST ONE YET!!!

WOOSH

THWACK

UGH!

TO BE ABLE TO PERFORM SUCH INTENSE AND POWERFUL SWORDSMANSHIP WITH SUCH A SLENDER FRAME...

JUST WHAT KIND OF TRAINING HAS SHE UNDERGONE...?

WAKU

JIGEN STYLE IS IMMENSELY STRONG, THE MOST ROBUST OF ROBUST SWORD STYLES...

WAKU

WOW

THIS ISN'T LIKE BEFORE...

IT'S ALL...

U

WHAT... WAS THAT?

IT'S SPIRIT POSSESSION,

that's all.

WHAT! IS SUCH A THING POSSIBLE...!?

THAT'S NOT HER OWN FIGHTING WE'RE SEEING.

SHE'S SIMPLY ALLOWING THE SPIRITS OF DECEASED SWORDMASTERS TO TAKE CONTROL OF HER BODY.

NREH !?

Who goes there!?

I NEVER IMAGINED INUGAMI-SAN WOULD BE SO RECKLESS...

BUT SUCH A LARGE CONGREGATION OF SOULS JUST ISN'T NATURAL.

AT FIRST, I THOUGHT I MUST'VE BEEN MISTAKEN,

My head's starting to hurt...

NO, MA'AM!! WE'VE ALREADY CLAIMED A VICTORY FOR OURSELVES!

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YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULDN'T BE SO APATHETIC.

WHAT, YOU TWO ARE JUST SPECTATING TOO?

Ohh, did you?

I'm jealous.

'CAUSE THE OTHER DAY, I SAW THIS VIDEO WHERE A SPIRIT-MEDIUM LADY CALLED DOWN THE SPIRITS OF THE WHOLE JACKSON 5 TO SPEAK THROUGH HER!

EHHH

THAT SORT OF THING'S REALLY SO HARD?

1ST BROTHER

2ND BROTHER

3RD BROTHER

4TH BROTHER

5TH BROTHER

What is that behind you?

Yeah... You see...

And they don't speak Japanese!

ALSO, MOST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE JACKSON 5 ARE STILL ALIVE AND WELL.

THE REAL THING DOESN'T COME IN SETS, SO IT'S A REAL CHORE.

THOUGH IN HER CASE, I CAN CERTAINLY BELIEVE IT'S POSSIBLE.

GATHERING TOGETHER SO MANY SPIRITS IN ONE PLACE, AND SWITCHING THEM OUT ONE AFTER THE OTHER... I'VE NEVER HEARD OF SUCH A THING.

BUT IT MUST BE TAKING AN UNIMAGIN-ABLE TOLL ON HER.

DADADA

EVEN SO... WHEN THESE SWORDMASTERS WERE ALIVE, THEY HAD PHYSICAL CAPABILITIES FAR BEYOND A NORMAL PERSON'S.

IF YOU ALLOW PEOPLE LIKE THAT TO KEEP CONTROLLING YOU, AFTER A WHILE...

HHHH HHHHH HH—

EHH—

HY—

BOOSH

!!

WAN-

SKID

...JUST LIKE I FEARED.

SHE DIDN'T NOTICE WHEN HER BODY HIT ITS LIMIT.

THAT'S WHAT MY SHINYUU

IS BACK THERE PROTECT -ING ME FOR!!

Move...

Just a little bit further ...!

tremble

Move, legs...

tremble

WHO SAID I WAS TRYIN' TO, MORON !!!

SMACK

I JUST HAFTA STEAL THE HEAVEN STAR, AND WE'RE SQUARE!!!

YOU'RE NOT GOIN' NOWHERE !!!

SMACK

GWUOH!

halt

TO THE END, SHE BELIEVES IN ME...

.....

TRUSTS IN ME!!

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sigh

IDIOTS, THE LOT OF YOU...

GOOD GRIEF.

HAH...

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?

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I'M GOING TO WIN THIS FIGHT AGAINST *YOU*.

STAND UP, INUKKO.

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BLACK-UNIFORMED AKIRA FAN BRIGADE

Trivia

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"ONJOU LENNON": TRANSPOSING THE SYLLABLES IN HER SURNAME PRODUCES THE NAME JOHN LENNON.

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TSUKAHARA BOKUDEN, MURAME KURANDONOSUKE, AND ITOU ITTOUSAI ARE FAMOUS SWORD MASTERS FROM HISTORY, WHEREAS OGAMI ITTOU IS A FICTIONAL SWORDSMAN FROM THE MANGA "LONE WOLF AND CUB". HE TRAVELS AROUND WITH HIS YOUNG SON IN A WEAPONIZED BABY CART.

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